

President.—Was there a man to assist the Civil Surgeon in the operation theatre before your advent?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There was.

A statement of operations in the General Hospital.

49. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number and description of the various operations performed in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, during the last 4 years, from 1923, year by year?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Statements containing the information are placed on the Council Secretary's table for reference.

The selection of nurses for the operation theatre.

50. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether a junior nurse has been selected for training in the operation theatre, while there were senior hands, as matrons and nurses, willing to get the necessary training, and why, if the answer is in the affirmative, the selection was so made;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon, Trichur, requested his nurses to be trained in the operation theatre at Ernakulam, and what were the orders passed in that connection; (a copy of the order may be placed on the table);

(c) whether it will be arranged that all nurses are taken for the necessary training in the operation theatre for a fixed period by turns?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The most suitable one amongst the nurses was selected as an assistant to the Sister in charge of the operation theatre. The choice is at the discretion of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(b) The Civil Surgeon, Trichur, requested that the volunteer nurses may be trained in the General Hospital. They were novices untrained in the elements of nursing and not on the Permanent staff of the Hospital. It was premature to give them the special training in the operation theatre. A copy of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's order is appended. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

(c) No; because it is not necessary to give all the nurses of a hospital this special training, and it is only intended for select nurses.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was the present incumbent the only one suitable and competent nurse in the General Hospital, Ernakulam? Is it the opinion of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

President.—The answer is the "most suitable". That does not say why others were not suitable. This has no reflection upon the others.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is stated that she is the most suitable nurse. Now, we find a junior selected, when senior nurses are available. Is it not a reflection upon the other nurses That is the object of putting this question.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I wanted only one nurse, to assist the Surgeon in charge of the operation theatre. I selected this one. I am satisfied with the one now.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that raw nurses are by turns to do so? Then, with reference to the answer to sub-division (b), I ask who are these volunteer nurses?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Nursing Sisters.

The posting of Medical Officers.

51. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is any rule or understanding in the Government regarding the posting of Medical Officers for any particular period in one and the same place, and if there is, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of such an order;

(b) whether the Government is not aware that there are many Medical Officers who fall under the exemption to this rule; if so, who are they; and why are they allowed to be so;

(c) whether the fact has not been brought to the notice of the Government during the last budget session;

(d) what the Government propose to do in such cases?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes. A copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

(b) The rule is not absolute, and it has been found inexpedient to apply it in the case of all Medical Officers. A statement showing the names of Medical Officers who have been more than 3 years in the same place is appended. (*Vide Appendix IX.*)

(c) Some of the Members might have referred to the subject.

(d) *Vide answer to (b.).*

Dr. A. R. Menon.—You say in Appendix VIII :— "The Government consider that it would be a wholesome rule, if Medical Officers below the rank of a Civil Surgeon are not ordinarily allowed to remain in a place for more than three years at a time. The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is requested to see that periodical transfers are suggested accordingly."

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Sub-Assistant Surgeon T. Krishnankutti Menon and the officers noted under date 10th Chingam 1102 were present on each of the succeeding 3 days.

Statement III.

Date.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Operations.
4-1-1102	170	443	13
5-1-1102	169	425	
6-1-1102	158	403	
7-1-1102	164	306	
8-1-1102	167	460	
9-1-1102	171	435	
10-1-1102	170	491	
11-1-1102	168	453	
12-1-1102	167	550	
13-1-1102	178	463	

Statement IV.

No.	Name	No. of days.	From.	To.
Nurses:				
1.	M. Mookambi Ammal	4	6-1-1102	9-1-1102
2.	A. Kallianikutti Ammal	4	6-1-1102	9-1-1102
3.	E. Parukutti Amma	4	6-1-1102	9-1-1102
Compounders				
1.	N. Sreeramaloo	4	7-1-1102	10-1-1102
2.	I. Janaki Amma	4	6-1-1102	9-1-1102
Servants:				
1.	P. K. Narayanan	3	6-1-1102	8-1-1102
2.	P. Narayanan	3	6-1-1102	8-1-1102
3.	N. Krishnan	3	6-1-1102	8-1-1102
4.	V. K. Krishnan	3	6-1-1102	8-1-1102
5.	Karthiayani	3	6-1-1102	8-1-1102
6.	Lekshmi	3	6-1-1102	8-1-1102
7.	N. Sankara Menon	3	6-1-1102	8-1-1102
8.	K. Govindan Nayar	4	7-1-1102	10-1-1102

APPENDIX VII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 50.)

Copy of order Ref. on C. No. 2577 of 1101, dated 23rd March 1926.

MEMO.

Reference:—Report No. 372 of 1101, dated 19th March 1926,
from the Civil Surgeon, Trichur.

The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer thinks it is premature to give the nurses the training of the kind suggested. He would examine them when he visits the hospital next time. The training in the General Hospital may be postponed till they have attained sufficient knowledge in general nursing.